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TAGS: PORG, CU  
SUBJ: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - CUBAN VIEWS: ANGOLA

1. CUBAN VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER VIERA TOLD USUN OFFICER  
JULY 21 AT POLISH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION THAT CUBA EXPECTED  
A "GOOD" CONFERENCE OF THE NAM NEXT WEEK. HE BASED HIS  
OPTIMISM LARGELY ON THE RESULTS OF THE KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT,  
WHICH HAD NOT REPEAT NOT CONDEMNED CUBA'S ROLE IN AFRICA.  
VIERA WAS CERTAIN THAT AFRICANS AT BELGRADE WOULD HEW CLOSELY  
TO THE OAU LINE. HE EXPECTED THE FINAL BELGRADE DOCUMENT TO  
BE "ANOTHER COLOMBO" AND "SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE DELHI AND  
HAVANA COMMUNIKES."

2. VIERA BEGAN THE NEXT LEG OF THE CONVERSATION BY DENYING  
THAT CUBAN INTEREST IN THE NAM WAS IDEOLOGICAL. CANDOR  
GETTING THE BEST OF HIM, HOWEVER, HE SUBSEQUENTLY COMPLAINED  
THAT THE NAM "WAS NEVER GOING TO BE BUDGED SIGNIFICANTLY TO  
A MORE PRO-SOCIALIST STANCE, MUCH AS WE (CUBANS) WOULD LIKE  
TO SEE IT." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "CUBA WOULD NEVER ALLOW  
THE NAM TO BE LED, AS SOME WOULD LIKE, INTO MORE PASSIVE  
STANCES REGARDING TRADITIONAL NAM CONCERNS" OF DECOLONIZATION,  
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DISARMAMENT, DEVELOPMENT, ETC. USUN OFFICER REPLIED THAT US  
WAS READY TO LISTEN AND TO COOPERATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITH  
NAM STATES ON SUCH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THE US WAS OPPOSED,  
HOWEVER, TO SEEING THE NAM DRIVEN IDEOLOGICALLY INTO AN ANTI-  
WESTERN STANCE. VIERA THEN CHARGED THAT THE US WAS ACTIVELY  
TRYING TO SABOTAGE THE 1979 HAVANA SUMMIT. USUN OFFICER SAID  
SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE. THE US HAD MOST CERTAINLY, HOWEVER,

EXPRESSED ITS RESERVATIONS TO SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON CUBA'S BRAND OF "NON-ALIGNMENT," EXPRESSING US CONCERN THAT CUBA MAY BE TRYING TO SHIFT THE IDEOLOGICAL BASE OF THE MOVEMENT TO THE LEFT. VIERA LISTENED, THEN SAID THAT "SOME AMERICAN AMBASSADORS MUST HAVE MISREAD THEIR INSTRUCTIONS," SINCE HE HAD READ REPORTS OF US ATTEMPTS TO ACTIVELY SABOTAGE THE HAVANA SUMMIT.

3. ANGOLA: VIERA SAID THAT CUBA HAD NO WISH TO CONTINUE ITS "COSTLY" INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA ("NO ONE BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE TO PAY THE SOVIETS BACK FOR THEIR AID--EXCEPT THAT GIVEN TO OUR OWN DEFENSES"). THE CUBAN PURPOSE IN ANGOLA WAS "ONLY TO GUARANTEE ANGOLA'S BORDERS." IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN THREAT WAS REMOVED THROUGH A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT, AND IF THE NEW ANGOLA/ ZAIRE ACCORDS WORKED, THEN CUBA COULD CONSIDER A DIMINUTION OF HER TROOP PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. HE DID NOT MENTION UNITA.

4. VIERA INVITED USUN OFFICER TO CALL ON HIM DURING THE CONFERENCE, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.  
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